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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 52 By: Creighton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund  
 1-22 capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Sections 55.1791, 55.1792, 55.1793, 55.1794,  
 1-26 55.1795, 55.1796, 55.1797, 55.1798, 55.1799, and 55.17991 to read  
 1-27 as follows:

1-28 Sec. 55.1791. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
 1-29 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
 1-30 subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System  
 1-31 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
 1-32 equip property and facilities, including roads and related  
 1-33 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
 1-34 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
 1-35 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
 1-36 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
 1-37 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

1-38 (1) Texas A&M University, \$140 million for  
 1-39 construction of a clinical veterinary teaching and research  
 1-40 complex;

1-41 (2) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$50 million  
 1-42 for construction of a central plant and infrastructure upgrades;

1-43 (3) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$40 million for  
 1-44 infrastructure upgrades to address accessibility for persons with  
 1-45 disabilities and health and safety issues;

1-46 (4) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$60 million to  
 1-47 address deferred maintenance;

1-48 (5) West Texas A&M University, \$65,750,000 for  
 1-49 infrastructure upgrades to address health and safety issues and the  
 1-50 renovation of an education building;

1-51 (6) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$60 million for  
 1-52 construction of a public health and education building;

1-53 (7) Texas A&M International University, \$80 million  
 1-54 for construction of a health science education and research center;

1-55 (8) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$46 million for  
 1-56 construction of a business, engineering, and technology building;  
 1-57 and

1-58 (9) The Texas A&M University System Health Science  
 1-59 Center, \$80 million for construction of the Texas Medical Center  
 1-60 Building 3 in Houston, Texas.

2-1 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
2-2 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
2-3 an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M University  
2-4 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
2-5 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
2-6 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
2-7 bonds, are outstanding.

2-8 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
2-9 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
2-10 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M  
2-11 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
2-12 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
2-13 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

2-14 Sec. 55.1792. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
2-15 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
2-16 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System  
2-17 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
2-18 equip property and facilities, including roads and related  
2-19 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
2-20 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
2-21 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
2-22 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
2-23 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

2-24 (1) The University of Texas at Austin, \$80 million for  
2-25 renovation of the Microelectronics Research Center at the  
2-26 J. J. Pickle Research Campus;

2-27 (2) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$107,200,000  
2-28 for renovation of the Life Science Building;

2-29 (3) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$68 million for  
2-30 construction of a student success center;

2-31 (4) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$80 million for  
2-32 construction of an advanced teaching and learning complex;

2-33 (5) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$56  
2-34 million for renovation of the Mesa Building;

2-35 (6) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$60,800,000 for  
2-36 construction of a sciences building;

2-37 (7) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer  
2-38 Center, \$80 million for construction of a life sciences research,  
2-39 innovation, and discovery facility; and

2-40 (8) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
2-41 Galveston, \$87,358,171 for infrastructure and research space  
2-42 upgrades for research buildings.

2-43 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
2-44 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
2-45 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas  
2-46 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
2-47 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
2-48 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
2-49 bonds, are outstanding.

2-50 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
2-51 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
2-52 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University  
2-53 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
2-54 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
2-55 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

2-56 Sec. 55.1793. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
2-57 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
2-58 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston  
2-59 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
2-60 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
2-61 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
2-62 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
2-63 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
2-64 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
2-65 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
2-66 as follows:

2-67 (1) the University of Houston System, \$128 million for  
2-68 construction of a medical research facility;

2-69 (2) the University of Houston, \$118,800,000 for

3-1 construction of the IDEA Lab;  
3-2 (3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$60 million  
3-3 for renovation of the Bayou Building, the Delta Building, and the  
3-4 Student Services and Classroom Building; and

3-5 (4) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$21,280,469  
3-6 for renovation of existing buildings and other campus  
3-7 infrastructure upgrades.

3-8 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
3-9 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
3-10 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston  
3-11 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
3-12 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
3-13 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
3-14 bonds, are outstanding.

3-15 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
3-16 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
3-17 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
3-18 of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
3-19 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
3-20 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

3-21 Sec. 55.1794. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
3-22 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
3-23 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University  
3-24 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
3-25 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
3-26 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
3-27 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
3-28 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
3-29 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
3-30 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
3-31 as follows:

3-32 (1) Lamar State College--Orange, \$42 million for the  
3-33 construction of an academic building to house general academic  
3-34 instruction and information technology services;

3-35 (2) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$48 million for  
3-36 construction of a facility for workforce and allied health  
3-37 programs;

3-38 (3) Lamar University, \$75 million for renovation of a  
3-39 library;

3-40 (4) Sam Houston State University, \$70 million for  
3-41 construction of an allied health building located in Conroe, Texas;  
3-42 and

3-43 (5) Texas State University, \$141,300,000 for  
3-44 construction of a STEM classroom building located in San Marcos,  
3-45 Texas.

3-46 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
3-47 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
3-48 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University  
3-49 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
3-50 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
3-51 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
3-52 bonds, are outstanding.

3-53 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
3-54 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
3-55 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State  
3-56 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
3-57 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
3-58 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

3-59 Sec. 55.1795. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
3-60 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
3-61 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas  
3-62 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
3-63 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
3-64 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
3-65 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
3-66 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
3-67 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
3-68 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
3-69 as follows:

4-1 (1) the University of North Texas, \$113,400,000 for  
 4-2 construction of a science and technology research building;

4-3 (2) the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$140  
 4-4 million for construction of a science building; and

4-5 (3) the University of North Texas Health Science  
 4-6 Center at Fort Worth, \$84 million for campus space optimization and  
 4-7 realignment.

4-8 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
 4-9 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
 4-10 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas  
 4-11 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
 4-12 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
 4-13 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
 4-14 bonds, are outstanding.

4-15 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
 4-16 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
 4-17 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
 4-18 of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
 4-19 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
 4-20 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

4-21 Sec. 55.1796. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

4-22 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,  
 4-23 the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire,  
 4-24 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property  
 4-25 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
 4-26 construction of a health sciences center, to be financed through  
 4-27 the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to  
 4-28 exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$108 million.

4-29 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
 4-30 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
 4-31 Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The  
 4-32 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
 4-33 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
 4-34 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

4-35 Sec. 55.1797. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

4-36 ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted  
 4-37 by this subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State  
 4-38 University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
 4-39 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
 4-40 related infrastructure, for construction of an interdisciplinary  
 4-41 and applied sciences building, to be financed through the issuance  
 4-42 of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the  
 4-43 aggregate principal amount of \$53 million.

4-44 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
 4-45 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
 4-46 Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition  
 4-47 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not  
 4-48 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is  
 4-49 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

4-50 Sec. 55.1798. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL

4-51 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
 4-52 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University  
 4-53 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
 4-54 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
 4-55 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
 4-56 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
 4-57 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
 4-58 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
 4-59 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
 4-60 as follows:

4-61 (1) Angelo State University, \$36 million for  
 4-62 maintenance and renovation of a central plant;

4-63 (2) Texas Tech University:

4-64 (A) \$72 million for renovations to address  
 4-65 deferred maintenance for campus buildings; and

4-66 (B) \$8 million for maintenance and program  
 4-67 enhancement construction in Junction, Texas;

4-68 (3) Midwestern State University, \$50 million for  
 4-69 renovation of the Bolin Science Hall and other infrastructure; and

5-1 (4) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, \$90  
 5-2 million for maintenance and renovation of an existing facility.

5-3 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
 5-4 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
 5-5 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University  
 5-6 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
 5-7 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
 5-8 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
 5-9 bonds, are outstanding.

5-10 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
 5-11 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
 5-12 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech  
 5-13 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
 5-14 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
 5-15 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

5-16 Sec. 55.1799. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

5-17 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,  
 5-18 the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire,  
 5-19 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property  
 5-20 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for  
 5-21 projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance  
 5-22 with this subchapter, not to exceed the following aggregate  
 5-23 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

5-24 (1) \$22,800,000 for renovation of the Nabrit Building;  
 5-25 (2) \$2,400,000 for upgrades to signage and wayfinding;  
 5-26 (3) \$40 million for facility maintenance and  
 5-27 renovation; and  
 5-28 (4) \$30 million for construction of a health and  
 5-29 wellness center.

5-30 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
 5-31 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
 5-32 Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The  
 5-33 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
 5-34 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
 5-35 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

5-36 Sec. 55.17991. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a)

5-37 In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the  
 5-38 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may  
 5-39 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
 5-40 property and facilities, including roads and related  
 5-41 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
 5-42 bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following entity  
 5-43 and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal  
 5-44 amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

5-45 (1) Texas State Technical College System, \$33,300,000  
 5-46 for the Williamson County campus site phase II;

5-47 (2) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend,  
 5-48 \$41,800,000 for construction of phase II of the campus site;

5-49 (3) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen,  
 5-50 \$37,800,000 for construction of an industrial technology  
 5-51 performance learning center;

5-52 (4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$15  
 5-53 million for construction of an industrial technology performance  
 5-54 learning center;

5-55 (5) Texas State Technical College--North Texas, \$13.5  
 5-56 million for construction of phase II of the campus site;

5-57 (6) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$13.5  
 5-58 million for construction of phase II of the campus site located in  
 5-59 Abilene, Texas; and

5-60 (7) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$53,600,000  
 5-61 for construction of an industrial technology performance learning  
 5-62 center.

5-63 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
 5-64 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
 5-65 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical  
 5-66 College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a  
 5-67 pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated  
 5-68 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to  
 5-69 refund those bonds, are outstanding.

6-1 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
6-2 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
6-3 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State  
6-4 Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
6-5 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
6-6 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

6-7 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect any authority or  
6-8 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of  
6-9 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed  
6-10 by bonds authorized by this Act.

6-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
6-12 last day of the legislative session.

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